Exhibit A

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outcome. If there are any objections to

proceeding, please state them at the time of

3 your appearance.

Counsel and all present including 4

remotely will now state your appearances for

the record beginning with the noticing

attornev.

R (Counsel identify themselves on the

record.)

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you. 10

Will the court reporter please swear

in the witness. 12

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14 MURTUZA KAZMI,

15 called as a witness, having been duly sworn by

a Notary Public, was examined and testified as

follows: 17

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19 **EXAMINATION BY**

20 MR. BURDEN:

21 Mr. Kazmi, do you have your exhibit

22 portfolio before you?

23 I'm trying to log into the share.

It's not letting me. 24

25 Q. Yeah, don't worry about the share

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. We

are going on the record at 9:14 a.m. on

November 2, 2023. Please note that this 3

deposition is being conducted virtually.

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5 Quality of recording depends on quality of

camera and Internet connection of participants.

7 What is seen from the witness and heard on

8 screen is what will be recorded. Audio and

video recording will continue to take place 9

10 unless all parties agree to go off the record.

This is Media Unit one of the video 11 recorded deposition of Mr. Murtuza Kazmi taken 12

by counsel for plaintiff in the matter of

Commodity Futures Trading Commission plaintiffs 14

versus Traders Global Group incorporated et al. 15

16 defendants filed in the United States district

court for the district of New Jersey Civil 17

Action No. 3:23-cv-11808. 18

My name is Sha-La Hollis 19

representing Veritext Legal Solutions and I'm 20

21 the videographer. The court reporter is miss

Stacey Daywalt from the firm of Veritext Legal 22

23 Solutions. I'm not authorized to administer an

oath. I'm not related to any party in this 24

action nor am I financially interested in the 25

thing. We provided your counsel and asked them

to provide to you a PDF portfolio of exhibits.

So you can just open it up you can look at them

it's tabbed out and I want to go through that

to review the exhibits.

Sure.

MR. WOLFE: Mr. Kazmi, maybe -- we

sent him the PDF. It has bounced back. We

sent him a link to the exhibits in a share file

10 and I think that's what he means when he says

he's trying to open the share right now.

THE WITNESS: Yeah, that's correct. 12

13 MR. WOLFE: Are you able to open it,

Mr. Kazmi? 14

15 THE WITNESS: Negative, no.

16 MR. BURDEN: All right. Do we want

to go off the record so defendant's counsel can 17

help him open his file, counsel for defendants?

THE WITNESS: Ashley, just so you 19

20 know I have two monitors so I will be looking

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back and forth if that's okay with you.

MR. BURDEN: It's just fine. It's 22 what I had hoped you would do is have a

24 separate monitor for the exhibits.

Have you got them open? 25

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1	Mr. Kazmi, we got some nice clear testimony	1	are trading on our live phase, so to speak,
2	before. I want to see I just want to make	2	going A or B book. B book is the environment
3	sure we're on the same page.	3	that does not get STPed.
4	So during the relevant period,	4	Q. So orders on the B book that these
5	Mr. Kazmi.	5	customers place, what happens to them?
6	A. Mm-hmm.	6	A. So the orders that the contractors
7	MR. PERRY: I'm sorry. Ashley, I'm	7	place, TGG's contractors place on this B book,
8	sorry to interject. You got as you just	8	it stayed within a virtual simulated
9	said, you got clear testimony before. You just	9	environment.
10	said that. So you've got your answer. We're	10	Q. And who is that virtual simulated
11	now asking for the third or fourth time. To	11	environment controlled by?
12	the extent that there is confusion, it's	12	MR. WOLFE: Objection to form.
13	inherent to the questioning not in the answers.	13	THE WITNESS: Who's that controlled
14	I suggest that we move on.	14	by.
15	MR. BURDEN: Well, I ain't going to.	15	(Simultaneous crosstalk.)
16	So let's try it one more time.	16	(Reporter admonition.)
17	BY MR. BURDEN:	17	THE WITNESS: Kurt, were you going
18	Q. Mr. Kazmi, during the relevant	18	to say something?
19	period	19	MR. WOLFE: You can answer.
20	A. Mm-hmm.	20	THE WITNESS: Okay. Ashley,
21	Q what percentage of customer	21	apologies, can you just repeat that question.
22	accounts, of customer live accounts, had a	22	MR. BURDEN: Certainly.
23	single order STPed?	23	BY MR. BURDEN:
24	MR. WOLFE: Objection, asked and	24	Q. Mr. Kazmi, who controls the virtual
25	answered. Object to form.	25	simulated environment you described?
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Filed 11/03/23 Page 7 of 15 PageID: 3067 Case 3:23-cv-11808-ZNQ-TJB Document 123_r1 1 And you send margin if your position 1 TD US as well. has decreased in value below a certain 2 All right. Mr. Kazmi, the 5 percent 2 Q. of My Forex Funds revenue during the relevant threshold? 3 period that was derived from these investments, 4 Α. Correct. 5 Q. Did My Forex Funds during the was there any like customer trading there? 6 relevant period ever withdraw any trading 6 Α. No, there was not. 7 7 All right. Mr. Kazmi, did you profits from CDO Markets? We did not withdraw. We left the receive account statements from CDO during the 8 8 9 profits in there for the account to grow. 9 relevant period? 10 Q. Did it grow? 10 A. I do not recall, but I don't think 11 Α. Yeah, there were -- as I said, there 11 SO. were months where A book was profitable so I During the relevant period, did you 12 12 Q. have a way to see how these A booked trades would say it did grow. 13 13 On a net basis, did My Forex Funds were doing at CDO? 14 14 15 accounts at CDO Markets grow during the 15 A. Again, I'm not sure. I may have relevant period? gotten credentials, but I never logged into the 16 16 actual application because it was too technical 17 Α. No, it did not. 17 Q. So let's come back if we could, 18 for me. 18 please, to My Forex Funds sources of income. What was your profession prior to 19 19 Q. 20 Α. Sure. 20 starting My Forex Funds? 21 Q. 21 I was an IT risk and compliance side You listed customer fees. Right? 22 Α. Yes. 22 of things. What percentage of My Forex Funds' 23 Q. 23 Q. And for whom did you work? income during the relevant period was derived GE, General Electrics, as well as I 24 A. 24 from customer fees? 25 25 was a project manager for Ericsson prior to GE. I would say upwards of 95 percent. Q. All right. Would you -- turning 1 A. 1 2 Q. All right. So we got another back to these exhibits. 3 5 percent. 3 A. Of course. What's in that 5 percent, please? Would you open CFTC Exhibit 105, 4 4 Q. I would say the investments that we 5 Α. please. 5 have, as I said, some of the Canadian 6 A. 6 105 okay. investment firms. Open it up if you would, please. 7 7 Q. Have a look and let me know when you've looked. 8 All right. So when you're talking 8 about 5 percent income from investments you're 9 A. Okay (complying.) talking about dividends and stuff like that. 10 10 Right? Mr. Kazmi, do you recognize CFTC 11 11 Q. Exhibit 105? 12 A. Correct. 12 13 Q. And what's -- where do these, during 13 Α. Yes, I see it. the relevant period, where do these investments Could you tell me what it is, 14 14 Q. reside? 15 please? 15 Α. So they were in TD's, TD US's, A. It looks like an iS Risk report of 16 16 17 whatever their investment arm is -- was and 17 MT4 trading for September 9th, 2022. then in CIBC Edward Jones and then -- CIBC 18 Q. All right. So you see it says to 18 Edward Jones and BMO. murtuza@myforexfunds.com? 19 19 Got it. Any other places where My 20 20 A. Correct. Forex Funds had investments? Whose e-mail address is that? 21 21 Q. Α. No. Α. That is mine. 22 22 23 (Reporter clarification.) 23 All right. So Mr. Kazmi, did you Q. THE WITNESS: So it's BMO, B-M-O, receive these reports, an example of which we 24 24 CIBC Edward Jones and then initially we were in see in Exhibit 105? 25 25 19 of 55 sheets Page 73 to 76 of 218 11/02/2023 11:31:05 PM

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